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already been sanctioned. The total sum sanctioned is Rs. 79.34 lakhs. The Government are aware that this is not adequate. The Government had already two conferences with the private employers employing more than 1,000 workers, and have insisted on their putting up at least four per cent of the houses for their workers every year. The Government hope that fifty per cent of the employees will be housed by the private employers. If adequate response is not forthcoming, the Government may have to consider the question of enacting legislation for this purpose.

Iron and Steel.

* 356 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) what is the quantity of iron and steel allotted to this State under non-agricultural and agricultural quota set apart by the Government of India for this year; and

(b) what is the cause for the scarcity of bars and rounds required for building purposes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) A quantity of eight thousand one hundred and seventy-two (8,172) tons was allotted by the Government of India for the year 1958-59 under the Non-Agricultural quota. Under the Agricultural quota, the allotment made for that year was two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight (2,998) tons.

(b) The reason is that the demands furnished by this State under Bars and Rods are not met in full by the Government of India. The Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta plans the indents on a country-wide basis consistent with the productive capacity of the Mills and their alignment.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that when a consumer wants bars and rods for the construction of houses and applies to the Controller, he gets a negative reply. But when he approaches the blackmarketers in the City, he freely gets it. How do the Government account for this kind of inconsistency?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is no inconsistency. We are distributing it pro rata. Some people who get it sell it in the blackmarket.

* 357 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) இம்மாநிலத்திற்கு வரும் இரும்பு, எஃகு கோட்டாவில் குறிப்பிட்ட சைஸ் (ஜாய்ஸ்ட்) கர்டர்கள் வராததால் அநேகம் பள்ளி முதலிய கட்டிடங்கள் வருடக்கணக்காய் வேலை பூர்த்தி யடையாமலிருக்கிறதா?